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Area's Stars Earn Five Blue Ribbons, Two Records

COVERT CLAIMS THIRD STRAIGHT 'D' TRACK CROWN

Paced by Covert's third straight state championship performance, area trackmen won five blue ribbons and set two meet records at the four state high school track and field meets Saturday.

Top southwestern Michigan performance came at Mount Pleasant where the Class C and D meets were held. Covert retained the D title by a 59 4/5-50 margin over Kalamazoo U-High and Hartford was third in C, 13 points behind champion Hahlet.

Other team championships went to Flint Southwesterners in the Class A meet at Ann Arbor and to Cranbrook in Class B competition at East Lansing. Covert copped three of the

records. Clarence Baber established a new low hurdles state darts with a 20.2 clocking—a record, however.

Bernard Woods won the 400-yard dash in 1:9, matching his Covert school record, and Mario Evans won the shot put with a 59.1 heave, breaking his own Bulldog record.

Another AlVan star, Jim Pegg of Martin, joined Baber as a record-setter as he ran the D mile in 4:30.8. Pegg also holds the state 800-yard run mark, a

2:01.2 established last year.

Class C produced the other area state champ, Bridgman high jumper Ralph Schmalz, who was just third in the regional in which a mere 54 inches was good enough to win. Saturday, however, Schmalz cleared 6'1 1/2.

Elsewhere the closest an area athlete came to a victory came in the A meet at St. Joseph's when Mike Miller matched the winning 69.3 quarter-mile time and finished second by about two inches. He was the only area A

pointmaker.

Woods was Covert's top scorer as he added fourths in the long jump and pole vault to his 440 win, clearing the winning 11-10 in the vault hot losing on misses.

James Abrams tied a school record in the 100-yard dash with a 10.3, placing third in that event and the 220. Ron Levy finished in a 10-way tie for sixth in the high jump. Baber eighth in the 220 and Phil Leonard eighth in the mile.

In the relay, the Bulldogs' 880 unit of Woods, Abrams, Baber and Russell Bailey set a

school record, placing second in 1:33.8, and the Covert mile quartet placed eighth.

Hartford's top effort was a second in the half-mile relay by Bob Scialletta, Jon Rose, Bob Williamson and Vere Skindler. Other points came from Skindler's third in the 220, Williamson's fourth in the low hurdles and Dick Ohrig who ran a flashy 2:00.7 half-mile only to place sixth.

Two south Berrien county Class B performers set school records in placing second, Dale Clark of Brandywine with a 53-8 shot put and Francis Brown of Buchanan with a 214 long jump.

Three area high jumpers placed at East Lansing with Willie Sledge of South Haven fourth, Jim Evans of Cassopolis sixth and Bill Miller of Buchanan in a 12-way tie for seventh.

Doragiac placed eighth and Cassopolis 10th in the Class B mile relay.

Aside from the Hartford contingent and Schmalz, the only area athletes to place in the

meet were from Bangor—Archie Privett, sixth in the high hurdles, and the mile relay team, eighth.

In Class D, Mark Wicks of Saugatuck was fourth in the 800, Mike Spencer of Lawrence sixth in the mile and the Martin mile relay team second.

Class A records were set by Ron Short of Farmington with a 14.5 pole vault, Bill Tipton of Pontiac Central with 14-foot in the low and Detroit Parishing with a 3:21 mile relay, Charles Robinson of Detroit Mackenzie

became the seventh 100-yard dashman to run 9.4.

Records in B were set by Fremont's Bill Bokkerting with a 134 pole vault, Roy Strang of Detroit Lutheran West with a 4:21.1 mile and Dearborn Riverside with a 3:25.1 mile relay.

New C standards are a 56-10 shot put by Gary Van Flit of Midlandville, a 48.6 quarter by Akron-Fairgrove's Gordon Aldrich, a 1:58 half by Jim Voel of Fowlmead, a 39.1 by John Hogan of North Branch in the low and a 3:21.4 mile relay by Battie Creek St. Philip.

Besides Baber and Pegg, a D record-setter was the Kalamazoo U-High quartet which took the 800 in 1:33.1.

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